

(Warren, OH) U.S. Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) applauds over \$235,000 in Family Self-Sufficiency grants awarded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to three Public Housing Agencies within the 17th District. In the current funding cycle, Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority has been awarded \$127,730.00; Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority, \$48,620.00; and Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority, \$59,518.00.

Congressman Ryan stated that **“this Administration and my colleagues in Washington have a true commitment to the continued funding of successful programs like the HUD Family Self-Sufficiency initiative. These programs empower our local Public Housing Agencies to continue their excellent work in providing low- and moderate-income Americans with the training and practical skills necessary for success.”**

“To date, the AMHA Family Self Sufficiency program has assisted 46 families gain employment and further their educational opportunities,” said Anthony O’Leary, Executive Director of the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority.

“Through this grant renewal, our agency will assist an additional 80 families. This is one of our most important and popular resident programs and we appreciate being able to continue this program.”

“The Family Self-Sufficiency program has certainly been the main catalyst for our residents to achieve fiscal independence. We at TMHA are extremely grateful to be able to continue this initiative,” said Donald Emerson, Executive Director of the Trumbull Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Clifford Scott, Executive Director of the Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority added, **“The continued funding is a testament to the hard work of the YMHA staff, Congressman Ryan, and the local HUD field office in Cleveland, all of whom have banded together to consistently further the lives of low- to moderate-income individuals and families.”**

The HUD Family Self-Sufficiency program encourages communities to develop local strategies that will help families obtain employment necessary for economic independence and self-sufficiency. Through the program, public housing agencies link residents with public service agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners in a comprehensive manner – providing participants with the skills and experience to obtain employment that pays a living wage.

Additional Family Self Sufficiency Program information can be accessed at the HUD program website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/fss.cfm#1>

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